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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

RE: Information Disclosure Statement
U.S. Application No. 10/507,409
METHOD AND SYSTEM OF COST VARIANCE ANALYSIS
Inventors: LAY, Colin M.
Our File: 015049-1003

Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), prior to issuance of a First Office Action on its merits.

A copy of each non-US patent reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449, is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Yours sincerely,

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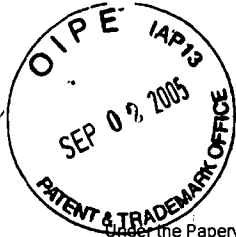
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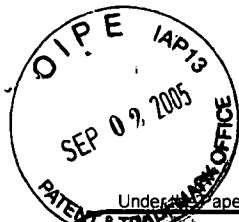
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